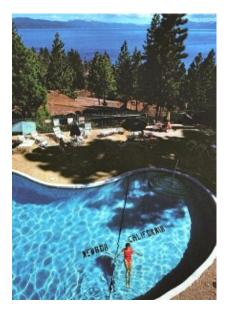# Then and now: Cal-Neva a once bustling casino

Today the Cal-Neva is closed. Photo/Bill Kingman

Cal-Neva int the late 1930s. Photo/UNR Special Collections

The historic Cal-Neva Lodge straddles the North Shore state line on the promontory between Brockway, Calif., and Crystal Bay, Nev.

A postcard of the Cal-Neva pool in the 1950s.

The original lodge, built in 1926, was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt in 1937.

The state boundary line prominently dissects the main room (gaming only at one end) as well as the outdoor swimming pool.

Frank Sinatra owned the Cal-Neva in the early 1960s and he added a major showroom. Currently, the 219-room, 10-story hotel and 6,000-square-foot casino facility is closed for total renovation,

Cal-Neva in 1940. Photo/UNR Special Collections

including the Sinatra Showroom. The new owners plan to reopen in December 2014 on what would have been Frank Sinatra's 99th birthday.

— Bill Kingman